

*Putting people in touch with nature
for forty-two years 1963-2005*



HOURS:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday: Noon - 5:00 pm

**Closed Thanksgiving,
Christmas & New Years**

**For more information call 441-7895
or visit:**

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Located in the southwest corner of Pioneers Park, the Nature Center includes 668 acres. More than 8 miles of trails are open to the public for hiking, bird watching, photography, and other phases of nature study. Exhibits and activities interpreting the natural history of the area are housed in the Chet Ager Building (CAB) south of the parking lot and in the Prairie Building (PB) west of the parking lot. Electric carts are available for the use of those who experience difficulty walking. The Nature Center is a designated "Watchable Wildlife Area."

Malinovskis Auditorium

Meeting Room: Located on a hill overlooking prairie and pond, your organization can rent the Nature Center's Malinovskis Auditorium as a retreat/conference center, a meeting room away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Audio/visual equipment, a kitchenette and flexible seating are available.

Overnights: Experience nature up-close in this unique overnight program! Staff naturalists can guide your group in various nature exploration activities including night and morning hikes. Groups sleep in the Auditorium slumber-party style. This program is ideal for scout groups working on their advancement requirements and badges.

Wilderness Park

1st and Park Blvd. to 27th and Saltillo

This 1,475 acre linear park is open year round, sunrise to sunset. Trails are provided in Wilderness Park for your enjoyment and appreciation of Lincoln's most natural park. Wilderness Park is a designated "Watchable Wildlife Area."

Hyde Memorial Observatory

Holmes Park (SW Corner of Park)

On clear nights at the Observatory, people of all ages can observe stars, planets, and deep sky objects through three powerful telescopes. Sky interpretation and astronomy programs are given by expert astronomers every Saturday night from sundown to 11:00 p.m., April through September, and 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., October through March. Other viewing times for groups, schools, or organizations of 20 or more may be arranged with two weeks notice. All of these programs are free.

Call 441-7895 weekdays to schedule reservations.

Call 441-7094 for current sky information.

Pioneers Park Nature Center Classes & Events

Registration: Many Nature Center programs require advance reservations – please use the form found on Page 30. **All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.** Send payment and completed registration form to:

Pioneers Park Nature Center

2740 A Street, Lincoln, NE 68502

Telephone registrations by credit card only (charge must be at least \$10).

Participants will receive confirmation of registration.

Deadline: Unless noted otherwise, registration deadline is one week prior to the start of the program.

Refunds: Refund requests must be made 72 hours prior to the program date and are subject to a \$5.00 service charge.

Cancellations: PPNC reserves the right to cancel classes due to conditions beyond its control. Participants will be notified prior to the program; they may choose to obtain a full refund or sign up for another available program.

Community Outreach Programs

Entertaining and educational, Pioneers Park Nature Center presentations are of interest to many groups. These interactive nature programs can be presented to adults and/or children in almost any setting. Topics include Birds, Reptiles, Insects and Lifecycles, and Prairie Plants. Other topics can be covered on request. Fees are \$35 per program, plus mileage, and are limited to the Lincoln area. Pre-payment is required. Informational programs about the Nature Center are also available and are free of charge.

Call 441-7895 to schedule a program.

School Programs

Pioneers Park Nature Center offers a variety of school programs about our natural world. Under the guidance of experienced staff, students develop awareness, appreciation, and curiosity about nature. On-site programs are available free of charge to all Lincoln schools but must be booked at least two weeks in advance. **Call 441-7895 for more information or to request a brochure.**

Nature Center Gift Shop

Are you looking for a unique gift? The Nature Center gift shop carries a variety of T-shirts, children's books, puppets, and other items, all with a nature theme. It also stocks excellent resource materials for the inquisitive mind. Located in the Prairie Building, the hours are the same as the Nature Center's. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Friends of Pioneers Park Nature Center

Become a member and help support the development and operation of the Nature Center! Benefits include a quarterly newsletter, special programming, 10% off Nature Center Gift Shop items, and free admission to reciprocating Nature Centers. **Call 441-7895 for a brochure.**

Free Guided Hikes

Sep - Dec every Sat & Sun 2:00 pm CAB
Join a naturalist-guided free walk focusing on seasonal topics along various trails of the Nature Center. No reservations necessary. However, groups of eight or more are asked to call in advance. Hikes are held if five or more people are interested.

Sep 3-4	Verley Trail Hike
Sep 10-11	Spider Spin
Sep 17-18	Martin Prairie Trail Hike
Sep 24-25	Harrington Trail Hike
Oct 1-2	Bird Migration
Oct 8-9	Fall Color
Oct 15-16	Fleming Woods Hike
Oct 22-23	Animal Homes Hunt
Oct 29-30	Our Spooky? Friends - Owls and Bats
Nov 5-6	Insects in Winter
Nov 12-13	Leaf Litter - Who's There?
Nov 19-20	Turkey Trot
Nov 26-27	Signs of Winter
Dec 3-4	Raptors of the Nature Center
Dec 10-11	Animal Adaptations
Dec 17-18	Winter Solstice
Dec 24	Bison - Prepared for the Cold

Hayrack Rides

Pioneers Park Nature Center is offering nature-oriented hayrack rides in Pioneers Park again this fall. Available between September 15 through October 22, you may choose among a variety of options:

Family Hayracks: Enjoy a hayrack ride, a campfire with naturalist program, and hot cocoa. \$6/person. Not recommended for children two and under.

Available Dates:

Saturday, September 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday, September 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday, September 23, 8:30 - 10:00 pm
Saturday, September 24, 8:30 - 10:00 pm
Saturday, October 1, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday, October 7, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday, October 7, 8:30 - 10:00 pm
Saturday, October 8, 8:30 - 10:00 pm
Saturday, October 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday, October 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday, October 21, 8:30 - 10:00 pm
Saturday, October 22, 8:30 - 10:00 pm

To register fill out the program registration form found on Page 30.

Group Hayracks: Reserve the whole hayrack for your group. The evening program includes a ride, a campfire with optional naturalist program, and hot cocoa. \$150/group. 30 persons maximum.

Special Event Hayracks: Do you have a large group that would enjoy a fun evening program with a nature emphasis? Schedule a hayrack ride with campfire program for up to 200 people. Thursday evenings, or other evenings by request. \$225 for one activity, \$30 each additional activity. Special requests considered.

All group and special event rides require pre-registration and pre-payment. Call 441-7895 for available dates and to register. The hayrack is handicapped accessible.

Wilderness Campfire

Who cooks for you? Learn about owl adaptations as we stroll through the woods listening to the owls call and the crickets sing, meet one of the Nature Center exhibit owls, and end the evening with a campfire sing-along, stories, and s'mores.

Date: Friday, September 23 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: Wilderness Park Fee: \$7/person, \$15/family

Registration deadline: September 21

Primitive Rope Making

Learn rope making as it was done by indigenous cultures. The class will include simple wrap and reverse wrap techniques using natural fibers found in the woods or prairie.

Date: Saturday, September 24 Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Location: PC Fee: \$6/person

Registration deadline: September 21

Bird Banding Demonstrations

This is your opportunity to see up close some of the migratory birds that pass through our area as well as our year round residents. Join a licensed bird bander to watch the banding process and to learn about this nationwide research project. In case of rain or excessive heat, banding will be cancelled. No registration necessary.

Dates: Saturdays, October 1, 8, & 15 Time: 9 am - Noon
Location: CAB Fee: Free

Primitive Fire

Would you like to learn how to start a fire with tools forged from the earth with your own hands? Make bow drill tools and learn fire-starting techniques. Must be 10 years or older. Participants under 14 must have adult supervision. **Important: Bring a sharp, large buck or carving knife - a lot of carving is involved. Youth must have written permission from a parent or guardian.**

Date: Saturday, October 8 Time: 12:30 - 4:30 pm
Location: PC Fee: \$8/person

Registration deadline: October 5

Owl Prowl

Hike through the night and listen for owls, meet one of the Nature Center exhibit owls, and dissect an owl pellet as you explore the amazing world of nature's silent hunters of the night.

Date: Saturday, November 18 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Location: PC Fee: \$7/person

Registration deadline: November 16

Primitive Shelter

Learn to build a natural shelter by actually constructing a debris hut. Light duty gloves recommended, a small rake and tarp useful. Dress for the weather.

Date: Saturday, November 19 Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Location: CAB Fee: \$6/person

Registration deadline: November 16



nature center **Children**

Critter Tales

Explore the wonderful world of nature with your pre-school children through stories and related activities that often includes one of the Nature Center's exhibit animals. Groups of 8 or more children are asked to pre-register.

Dates: Mondays, Sep 19, Oct 3 & 17, Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am Location: PB
Fee: \$.50/child

Winter Survival Camp

January 16-17

A 2-day nature camp for grades 1-5. Investigate the ways animals and humans survive the cold. Build a debris hut, track animals, and explore animal adaptations to winter.

9:00 am - 4:00 pm, extended hours available
\$50/child, \$5 early registration discount before Jan. 1

Call 441-7895
for more information and an application

Add Some Nature to Your Birthday

Treat your child to a special birthday at the Nature Center. An hour nature program, including a hike and indoor animal time, is followed by 45 minutes in the building for your birthday activities. We provide space and a birthday favor for each child, and you provide refreshments. Themes include Insect Insights, Reptiles for Fun, or Birds that Whoop Whoop. \$5/child up to 15 children with a \$50 minimum

Call 441-7895 for reservations at least two weeks in advance.

Nature Center Preschool "Where Kids Explore"

We nurture a sense of wonder, and investigate nature themes through hikes, crafts, story times and discussion circles.



Spaces still available for the 2005-06 school year.
Ages 3 to 5

Tuesday/Thursday & Wednesday/Friday Sessions
9:00-11:30 a.m. - \$75/month
12:30-2:30 p.m. - \$60/month

Call 441-7895 for a brochure



New additions to a treasured tradition

JOIN US!

Live animals
Skits with costumed critters
along our Spooktacular trail
Campfire with singalong
(weather permitting)
Popcorn and cider

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
October 27, 28 & 29
6:45-8:00 PM starting times

\$5.00/person, registration & pre-payment required.

Call 441-7895

nature center **Adults**

Pioneers Park History Hayrack Rides

Ride the Nature Center hayrack through Pioneers Park and learn the history of the park and its sculptures. A snack will be provided. This ride is specially for individuals in wheelchairs and their guests. *Meet at Pioneers Park Concession Stand

Date: Friday, September 30 Time: 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Location: *See above Fee: \$7/person

Registration Deadline: September 27

Attention Scrapbookers

Add some nature to your scrapbooking. Bring your book, and pictures if you wish, we will provide ideas, supplies, and go on a hike to find other natural objects you might want to incorporate. Some of the supplies will include pressed flowers and leaves, stickers, and stamps.

Date: Saturday, November 12 Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Location: PC Fee: \$8/person

Registration deadline: November 9

Off-Site Adult Programming (see Page 27)

nature center **Adult/Child Teams**

Build a Bird Feeder (Ages 6 - 12 with adult)

Adult and child teams will construct a wooden wild bird feeder complete with feed. Tips on successful backyard bird feeding will be covered. All materials provided, along with informational handouts and a basic bird identification chart. Each team should bring a hammer.

Date: Saturday, October 1 Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am
Location: PC Fee: \$15/child

Registration Deadline: September 28

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Pioneers Park Nature Center Program Registration Form (Fall 2005)

Registration: All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Telephone registrations by credit card only (charge must be at least \$10). Participants will receive confirmation of registration.

Deadline: Unless noted otherwise, registration deadline is three days prior to the start of the program.

Refunds: Refund requests must be made 72 hours prior to the program date and are subject to a \$5.00 service charge.

Cancellations: PPNC reserves the right to cancel classes due to conditions beyond its control. Participants will be notified prior to the program; they may choose to obtain a full refund or sign up for another available program.

Name(s) _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail Address (optional method for confirmation):

Payment: ☐ CHECK
(made payable to Lincoln Parks & Recreation)

☐ CREDIT CARD
(total must be \$10 or more)

_____ card number

_____ expiration date

_____ signature

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please complete form and mail with payment to:
Pioneers Park Nature Center
2740 'A' Street
Lincoln, NE 68502



Spooktacular (\$5/person, 3 yrs. & under free)

Persons Registering _____

Available dates and times:

Thursday, October 27; 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00

Friday, October 28; 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00

Saturday, October 29; 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00

First preference (date) _____, (time) _____

Second preference (date) _____, (time) _____

You will receive confirmation of date and time.

Specialty for Scouts (\$6/scout, leaders free)

Date	Badge	# Registering
Sep 24	Forester (Weblelos)	_____
Oct 8	Watching Wildlife (Brownies)	_____
Oct 15	Forester (Weblelos)	_____
Nov 19	Wildlife (Junior GS)	_____

Family Hayrack Rides (\$6/person)

Date	Time	# Registering
Sep 17	6:30	_____
Sep 23	6:30	_____
Sep 23	8:30	_____
Sep 24	8:30	_____
Oct 1	6:30	_____
Oct 7	6:30	_____
Oct 7	8:30	_____
Oct 8	8:30	_____
Oct 15	6:30	_____
Oct 21	6:30	_____
Oct 21	8:30	_____
Oct 22	8:30	_____

Classes

Date	Class	Fee	# Registering
Sep 23	Wilderness Campfire	\$7/\$15 family	_____
Sep 24	Primitive Rope Making	\$6	_____
Sep 30	History Hayrack	\$7	_____
Oct 1	Build a Bird Feeder	\$15/team	_____
Oct 8	Primitive Fire	\$8	_____
Nov 12	Attention Scrapbookers	\$8	_____
Nov 18	Owl Prowl	\$7	_____
Nov. 19	Primitive Shelter	\$6	_____

For More Information CALL 441-7895

Watching Wildlife Try-It for Brownie Scouts

Let's take a really close look at the animals that live in our area. What interesting facts can you discover? Girl Scout badges are fun; to complete this one we will do activities 2, 3, 4, and 6

Date: Saturday, October 8 Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am
Location: PC Fee: \$6/scout, leaders free

Registration deadline: October 4

Forester for Webelos

Trees are an important part of our lives. With the help of Nature Center staff complete the Webelo Forester Activity Badge fulfilling requirements 2, 3, 4, 6, and 9.

Time: 9:00 am - Noon Location: PC Fee: \$6/scout, leaders free
Dates: Saturday, September 24 Registration deadline: September 21

Saturday, October 15 Registration deadline: October 12
60 scouts maximum for each date, 10 scouts minimum

Wildlife Badge for Junior Girl Scouts

There are animals all around us. We will observe some of their characteristics as we complete activities 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 to earn your wildlife badge.

Date: Saturday, November 19 Time: 9:00 am - Noon
Location: PC Fee: \$6/scout, leaders free

Registration deadline: November 16



Free Hikes

One hour naturalist-led hikes are offered for scouts each Saturday morning at 10:00 am. Call to register at least two weeks in advance. First-come, first-served.

Badgework

Nature Center programs will help your group complete a badge in one morning or afternoon. Badgework programs will rotate. \$6/scout, leaders free.

Paving The Path Order Form (Please use one form per order)

The following information is for our records or if we need to contact you.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL DATE

I wish to order

Standard Brick at \$250 Foundation Brick at \$750

Check enclosed Check number

Money order enclosed

Please send your \$100 check or money order made payable to the Lincoln Parks

and Recreation Foundation to: Paving the Path

c/o Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation

2740 "A" Street, Box 201, Lincoln, NE 68502-3113

There are two lines for each brick and room for 16 characters per line.

NOTE: punctuation marks and spaces count as a character.

LINE #1

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LINE #2

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One Flower Forever Order Form

YES, I would like to participate in the One Flower Forever program and have a flower planted every year at Sunken Gardens.

List the name of the person or event honored by this gift:

Brief Message:

YES, mail certificate & pin directly to the honoree or the honoree's family.

Honoree's Address or Family's Address

City State Zip

One Flower Forever donor information:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

PHONE

Please send your \$100 check or money order made payable to the Lincoln Parks

and Recreation Foundation to: One Flower Forever

c/o Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation

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